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ABSTRACT

Campus crime and violence and other student safety matters have become critical issues for higher education administrators. This book addresses these issues in the context of the Campus Security Act of 1990. The first three chapters, "The College Campus in Transition," "Issues and Impacts of Campus Crime," and "Threats to a Safe Campus," present a realistic view of today's campus environment and the issues and threats that impact on the campus community and its students. The remaining seven chapters offer practical recommendations for creating a safe campus. They discuss the role of student affairs officials; the services performed by campus police and security forces; a philosophy of community policing including an example of one university's experience with community policing; critical components for creating secure campus housing; physical and environmental security needs such as groundskeeping, lighting and access control; and federal and local laws that pertain to campus safety and security, including recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure needs. A model reporting program is also proposed. The final chapter suggests a collaborative approach to creating a safe campus and discusses the key elements for such a plan. Figures throughout the book summarize and highlight material. (All chapters contain reference endnotes.) (CH)

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